

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Gerard MARTIN et al.

Examiner: Unassigned

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Title: PROCESS FOR HEAT TREATMENT OF HYDROCARBON FEEDSTOCKS  
BY A FURNACE THAT IS EQUIPPED WITH RADIANT BURNERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.